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To: Karen Otte

Subject: Fire Billing

This e-mail satisfies one of the action items from the most recent joint meeting of the Village and Town boards. The revenues related to Highway 43 incidents in 2006 through 2008 are provided below. The logic for billing the emergency calls on Highway 43 is as follows:

Under the current fire department agreement, the Town of Holland is charged for a call for responses to Highway 43 incidents, which serves to increase the percentage of operating expenses paid by the Town. Since these emergency services are paid for by the Town, but the services are not for residents or taxpayers in the Town of Holland, the Town has taken the position that we should try to reduce the financial burden to our constituents for the cost of the Highway 43 emergency services. We have done this by sending out a letter asking the party involved in the incident to submit our bill to their insurance company. Very often, this is not done or the person is uninsured. We then submit the bill to the state, which pays a nominal amount that is well short of the actual cost incurred. It important to note that in reimbursing the town for part of the cost of the call, the state is acknowledging that these costs should not be fully borne by the local community because the services are not being provided to the residents of that town.

2006 payments were from the State only for \$1,000 for a Total of \$1,000 in 2006

2007 payments were \$1,850 from insurance and \$1,500 from the State for a Total of \$3,350 in 2007

2008 payments were from insurance only for \$4,910.29 for a Total of \$4,910.29 for 2008

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